

## Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow, not much change in temperature; lowest temperature tonight about 34; gentle variable winds. Temperatures today: Highest, 38, at 10:30 a.m.; lowest, 35, at 3 a.m.

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## Brazil Signs, Making Pact Complete

Had Insisted on Modification of Defense Plan

### BULLETIN.

LIMA, Dec. 24 (AP)—Brazil's signature today gave the unanimous backing of the 21 American republics to a Pan-American Conference declaration on continental solidarity and defense.

By ANDREW BERDING.

Associated Press Foreign Correspondent.

LIMA, Dec. 24.—The key to the question of continental solidarity and defense was held today by Brazil, the only one of the 21 American republics which had not signed the proposed declaration of the Pan-American Conference.

Brazil continued to hold out for "slight modifications" of the declaration, but just what these modifications were no one here knew except Brazilian Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha, who said the only one of the 21 American republics which had not signed the proposed declaration of the Pan-American Conference.

The final decision was left up to him last night when Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha wired him that President Getulio Vargas approved—with slight modifications—the declaration already signed by the other republics as well as an optional declaration agreed to by the Presidents of Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil.

Delegation Heads to Meet.

As chairman of the Conference Committee on the Organization of Peace, Mello Franco called other delegation heads to meet this morning to discuss Brazil's position. Up to last night Argentina had held the whip hand, steadily refusing to sign the declaration which had been accepted by virtually all the other nations. But when Argentina signed, followed closely by Uruguay, the fate of the declaration passed into the hands of Brazil.

Mello Franco was in a position to force the other delegations to accept modifications or run the risk of junking the whole proposal.

The conference leaders had to work fast because the first of the two plenary sessions scheduled for today was expected to start at 11 a.m. They had hoped to have the declaration ready for formal approval.

The last plenary session comes at 4 p.m. today and the conference will close Tuesday.

Some delegates said that if agreement was not reached in time for today's session the solidarity declaration would not reach the conference floor.

Brazil Causes Misgivings.

Word that Brazil wanted modifications caused misgivings among some of the delegations. It has been just such changes that have held the declaration through two weeks of tortured discussions.

Each time that modifications, however slight, are made the document has to be rewritten and circulated among all the delegations for new approval.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull of the United States was expected to make a formal address at one of today's sessions, probably this afternoon. He worked until midnight on two speeches, one to be delivered today and one at a dinner to be given by Peru's President, Oscar Benavides, Tuesday night.

All Survivors of Wreck Off Alaska Safe

By the Associated Press.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 24.—All survivors of the wrecked motorship Patterson were safe today, and another saga of the sea approached an end as a Coast Guard cutter sped nine seamen shoreward for Christmas.

Two of the 20 crew members drowned when the Patterson was driven up on bleak Cape Fairweather Beach, 150 miles north of here, on the Gulf of Alaska, during a storm two weeks ago.

Sheldon Simmons, veteran Alaskan "mercy flyer," rescued two men earlier in the week and the pair arrived in Seattle yesterday. Two Navy planes from the Sitka base saved seven men there and the Coast Guard boat Haida picked up the remaining nine.

Both groups were rescued at Lituya Bay, where the men hiked 30 miles through storms from the wreck scene.

C. McDowell, veteran chief engineer, and Third Mate Steve Johnson, brought to Juneau by Mr. Simmons for medical aid, arrived in Seattle with tales of their week of horror.

Judge Rules Drunkenness No Bar to Citizenship

By the Associated Press.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—United States citizenship should not be denied an applicant just because of a few trips to jail for drunkenness, in the opinion of Federal Judge J. Foster Symes.

Renardo Gallardo, 37, native of Mexico, admitted a few such trips yesterday, but he became a citizen nevertheless. Said Judge Symes: "Taking a drink or so too many times does not necessarily be construed as a reflection on an applicant's character. It can only be so taken when the record shows the man has committed some dangerous act, such as driving an automobile or injuring some one while in that condition."

## Catholic Action Mistreatment Spurred by Italy, Pope Charges

Pontiff Anxious for 10-Year-Old Reconciliation Accord With Rome

By the Associated Press.

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius XI accused Italian authorities today of mistreatment of Catholic Action which, along with racial marriage discriminations, caused anxiety for the 10-year-old concordat of reconciliation between the church and state.

He spoke in his Christmas address to his cardinals, expressing his "bitter sadness" at vexations in relations between the Vatican and the Italian government.

He said he forgave the "rude" disrespect of his "white hair" in the disregard of the concordat and the flying of the Nazi flag when Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler visited Rome last May. The Nazi swastika he described as "a cross inimical to the cross of Christ."

The pontiff criticized as "inhuman" that which is anti-Christian, especially mentioning that which affects the "dignity, liberty and integrity of the individual."

He refused to discuss the Fascist contention that the concordat "was not wound in the slightest, but remained sound," but declared that the interpretation of a two-party pact "cannot be usurped by one party alone."

God, he declared, would "enlighten minds and move hearts in the direction of truth and justice, which are the sole true and solid bases of the welfare of the individual and also of peoples."

In his statement on Catholic Action, an organization of laymen, the pontiff said:

"Observing the zeal in the lower

ranks, it appears too clear that, while Catholic action is distinctly contemplated in our pact of reconciliation, from above must come wide—or rather occult—gestures of permission and encouragement in order that those vexations not cease in various places from one end to the other of the peninsula.

"And not only in small places of little importance. Yesterday they were reported to us from Venice, Turin and Bergamo, today from Milan and in the very person of the cardinal archbishop guilty of speech and teaching which comes within his pastoral duties and of which he can only approve."

The pontiff read his speech of nearly 1,500 words to the cardinals in Rome as they visited him in a body to present their annual Christmas wishes through their dean. His Milan reference concerned Ildefonso Cardinal Schuster, archbishop of Milan.

Cardinal Schuster denounced Fascist and Nazi racial doctrines as "an international danger not less than bolshevism" in a sermon in his cathedral November 13.

The Vatican protested to the Italian government against the marriage decree after the Pope sought to prevent its adoption by writing letters to Mussolini and King Vittorio Emanuele.

The Pope said he had offered his life for peace in a broadcast just before the September 29 Munich agreement on German annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland and he again offered it that Italy's "internal peace" and prosperity remain unaffected.

Also at the ceremony was Col. Francis C. Harrington, Army engineer, who succeeds Mr. Hopkins as Works Progress administrator.

The oath was administered by Associate Justice Stanley F. Reed of the Supreme Court. The Bible used was presented to Mr. Hopkins for the occasion by Mrs. Roosevelt. It was signed both by the President and Justice Reed.

Because of crowded quarters in which the ceremony was held, newspapermen could not attend the function. However, the details were provided later by Stephen Early of the White House secretariat in his office, where Secretary Hopkins then held his first press conference in his role of cabinet officer.

Mr. Hopkins was obviously moved as he greeted old friends among the newspapermen and expressed his appreciation of the elevation to cabinet rank.

Asked whether he "had any message" for the businessmen of the country, the Secretary smiled and said that "after all, this is Christmas." He said he expected to be busy most of the rest of the day in seeing that Santa Claus had proper instructions regarding his small daughter's Christmas. It was then he added that he would have something to say to a little later.

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Members of this informal coalition said privately they would demand that the nomination be referred to the Senate Commerce Committee for study.

This committee, it was said, would use the report of the Senate Committee Investigating Committee in a vigorous effort to ascertain whether there has been any political use of relief funds. The Campaign Committee's report has not been drafted but members have indicated it will criticize some activities of the W. P. A. during the last campaign.

Many Critics on Committee.

The Commerce Committee includes numerous Senators who have been critical of the relief administration. Senator Bailey, Democrat, of North Carolina, a sharp New Deal critic, will be chairman when Congress convenes, and Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader, is the ranking Republican member.

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## Hopkins Sworn; To Continue Advisory Group

To Have Something to Say on Responsibilities That Go With Job

After taking the oath of office as Secretary of Commerce, Harry L. Hopkins today told newspapermen that at "an appropriate time in the not distant future I'll have something to say about the responsibilities that go with this job."

At the same time the former Works Progress administrator emphasized that he hoped to continue with the Business Advisory Council, inaugurated by his predecessor, Daniel C. Roper. He said he planned as one of his first acts a conference with W. Averell Harriman of New York, chairman of the council, adding that he expected to see him some time today.

Secretary Hopkins took the oath in President Roosevelt's study in the White House before a company that included the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. James Roosevelt, the new Secretary's son, David Hopkins, and a large number of administration officials.

Absent, however, were Mr. Roper and other cabinet members.

Mr. Hopkins, a recess appointee pending Senate confirmation of his nomination, is a White House weekend guest, along with his motherless 6-year-old daughter Diana. She was among those who witnessed the ceremony.

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CHRISTMAS EVE.

## Mrs. Roosevelt Attends Two Parties for Needy Children

Another Today Scheduled as President's Wife Begins Busy Yule Program

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, beginning a busy round of Christmas activities for the President's family, this morning attended two parties at which deserving children received toys, clothes and food to brighten their Christmas.

Starting at 8:30 a.m., Mrs. Roosevelt's first stop was at the Central Union Mission's annual Christmas party in the Capitol Theater. Carrying on a custom started by her predecessor in the White House, Mrs. Roosevelt greeted 1,500 children at the Mission's 22d annual party and told them she hoped they would remember "the story of the Christ Child as well as the story of Santa Claus."

She wore a dark red coat with a silver fox scarf, black felt hat tipped over one eye, and black shoes. She arrived unaccompanied in her automobile.

Howard C. Burkhardt, manager of the theater, greeted her at the entrance and escorted her to the stage, piled high with gifts.

"I'm glad to be here," she told Mrs. Jean Bennett, superintendent of the mission.

Standing on the stage with Mrs. Bennett and Santa Claus, in the person of Homer Rodehaver, well-known evangelistic singer, Mrs. Roosevelt wished a merry Christmas and a happy New Year for all who were present and those who were listening to a radio broadcast of the program.

Several children brought up from the audience received their presents personally from Mrs. Roosevelt. These included two sisters, Betty Alderson, 6, and her 1-year-old brother.

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At Least Seven Die In Blast and Crash Of Army Plane

Nine May Have Lost Lives in Accident in Alabama

(Picture on Page A-2.)

By the Associated Press.

UNIONTOWN, Ala., Dec. 24.—Broken bits of bodies recovered over a 60-acre area indicated today seven, or possibly nine, men died last night in the explosion and crash of a twin-engine Army bomber 2 miles south of here.

Maj. Warren A. Maxwell, operations officer at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., said a tramp over the area today "convinced" him at least seven persons were killed.

Effects recovered indicated nine persons might have been killed, but reports from Hamilton Field, Calif., said only seven soldiers left there Thursday aboard the plane en route to Mitchell Field, N. Y.

An eighth member, Army sources said, apparently boarded the plane at March Field, Calif., but alighted at some point before the big B-18 type plane plummeted down through a rainstorm.

The blast shook houses many houses in the vicinity.

Hamilton Field, San Rafael, Calif., released the names of the following as those who left there with the plane en route to New York via Maxwell Field:

First Lt. James D. Underhill, 28, pilot, Morgantown, N. C., whose pocketbook was found in the wreckage.

Second Lt. John W. Pollard, 30th Infantry, Presidio, Calif., whose checkbook was located in the debris. He was a passenger and his parents live in Williston, N. Dak.

Capt. Fred Ruebe, Jr., Medical Corps, Letterman Hospital, San Francisco, unmarried, a passenger.

Pvt. Humbert Narro, 27, radio operator, Los Angeles; Ben L. Jones, 34, Los Angeles; and Sheldon S. Johnson, 26, Northville, N. Y.

Mud Hinders Probe.

Warren Underhill, service connection listed as "unknown" at Hamilton, was reported to have boarded the plane at March Field, and effects found in the scattered wreckage indicated a Capt. Reiber also had died, although some were of the opinion this might have become entangled with Capt. Ruebe's knee.

Knee-deep mud hindered investigation and reclamation, and most of those who came because of curiosity went away horror-struck. Even veteran newsmen and photographers turned away.

## Bountiful Capital Festively Awaits 'Peace' Holiday

Needy Will Share in Christmas Joy; Fair And Cold Tomorrow

Washington, festive with twinkling trees, attuned to the songs of carolers, made last-minute preparations today for a Christmas that promised to extend cheer beyond warm and bountiful homes into the bleak dwelling places of the destitute.

Dozens of charitable, welfare and civic organizations and countless individuals had undertaken to see that no child wakes tomorrow to find that Santa Claus has forgotten him and no adult in these deprived homes goes through the Yuletide hungry and cold. Heaping baskets of food and toys have been going out all week and hundreds more were to be distributed before Christmas Eve night.

Cloudy skies are expected to usher in Christmas Day with not much change in temperature, the Weather Bureau announced, with a minimum of 34 degrees expected during the night. Overcast clouds blanketed the Eastern seaboard stretching as far West as the Mississippi Valley. Intermittent rain will continue throughout the remainder of the day, with little chance for a white Christmas, the forecaster said.

High on the program of varied activities today was the community Christmas tree in Lafayette Park, to be lighted late in the afternoon by President Roosevelt. The President will broadcast a Christmas message to the Nation.

Ceremonies Begin at 4:30.

The ceremonies in Lafayette Park were due to begin at 4:30, with a concert by the Marine Band, under the direction of Capt. Taylor Branson. A glee club and the crowd will sing carols, directed by Arturo Papalardo, director of the Washington Schola Cantorum.

President Roosevelt will press a button lighting the tree and deliver the invocation, about 5 o'clock.

The invocation will be pronounced by Dr. Albert J. McCartney, pastor of the Covenant First Presbyterian Church, and the benediction will be delivered by the Very Rev. Arthur A. O'Leary, president of Georgetown University.

Stands have been erected and sheltered platforms provided for the presidential party and the citizens' group in charge of this 16-year-old Christmas festivity. The tall, graceful tree was trimmed yesterday and the lights and loud-speaker system tried out. A big crowd was expected, whatever the weather.

Marine Band Program.

The Marine Band will give these numbers:

March, "Yuletide"..... Chambers  
Pastoral from "Christmas Oratorio," Bach  
Fantasia, "The Children"..... Lillia  
Choral, "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring"..... Beach  
Cornet solo, "Cantique de Noel"..... Adam

Principal musician, Winfred Kemp. Christmas song, "Birthdays of a King"..... Neidinger

"Good News From Heaven," from "Christmas Oratorio"..... Bach

Stores remained crowded today as forgotten gifts and almost neglected relatives and friends were bought.

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Japanese Diet Called

TOKIO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Emperor Hirohito today ordered the Japanese Diet to convene Monday, when he will open the 74th session in person.

Christmas Mail Biggest Ever, Postmaster Announces

"The biggest Christmas we ever had."

This is the way Postmaster Vincent Burke characterized the Christmas mail, based on records through yesterday.

Postal revenues from stamps during the period from December 1, to December 23, jumped from \$730,584 last year, to \$787,934 this year, an increase of 7.16 per cent.

Delivery of parcels post packages jumped up 22 per cent over last year, showing an increase from 638, 868 packages in the period from

## 'Ickes Incident' Closed, Reich Announces

Nazis Decide Not To Make Reply To Welles

### BACKGROUND—

German-American relations have been tense at various times since Nazi regime began in 1933, but differences have multiplied the past year as result of seizure of Austria, dismemberment of Czechoslovakia and campaign against Jews. Nazi newspapers have carried on campaign of vilification against President Roosevelt and other American statesmen.

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—A propaganda ministry spokesman today declared the "Ickes incident" was closed diplomatically after it culminated in the United States' rejection of a German protest against a speech by the Secretary of the Interior.

Though regretting that Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles' rejection "left a sting behind," the spokesman said the protest was couched in such terms that diplomatic action ended with the strong American reply.

Not even diplomatic quarrels must interfere with the Christmas spirit, so there will be no official "reaction," said the spokesman, adding that "we Nazis are regarded by many as heathen, yet I think we are better Christians than some other people."

At the same time Senator Key Pittman's four-point statement expressing disapproval of the Berlin and Tokyo governments elicited an angry reply from the officially-inspired commentary service Deutscher Dienst.

"Disturbance of Yule Peace."

Under the caption "Disturbance of the Christmas Peace," the service said:

"Senator Pittman's declaration constitutes a carefully timed brutal disturbance of the Christmas peace."

"What cynical baseness and at the same time what impudent smugness is apparent from these utterances by a man who, as committee chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, occupies a position of responsibility, yet who acts with complete irresponsibility."

"He didn't ask the American people, yet he considers himself authorized to insult a great European power in such an unbelievable manner."

"After all he must know he insults the German people in its entirety and in all its strata when he arrogates to himself such an expression of opinion."

Yule Spirit Not Helped.

The propaganda ministry spokesman, in stating the "Ickes incident" was closed diplomatically, declared: "We don't think utterances like Ickes' help promote the Christmas spirit."

Ickes, speaking Sunday before the Zionist Society of Cleveland, said Germany's treatment of Jews carried her back to "a period of history when man was unlettered, benighted and bestial." He also criticized acceptance of German decorations by Henry Ford of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh. Germany protested and sought an apology—but was rebuffed by Acting Secretary of State Welles.

"We believe in the true Christmas spirit; hence we will not do anything further about the unfortunate incident. Of all times, this is not the season for quarreling."

"As regards the rejection of our protest, that naturally leaves a sting and also was not calculated to enhance the Christmas spirit."

"But there was nothing ultimate about our protest, hence from the diplomatic point of view the incident now is closed. We had our say and the American Government had its."

Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, meanwhile, decorated Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Oshima with the Grand Cross of the Order of the German Eagle.

The award to the Japanese of the Order of the German Eagle.

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Mother of Six Killed

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Bertha Beady, 37-year-old mother of six children, had her arms so full of Christmas presents when she got off a bus in nearby Andrews last night that she did not see an automobile coming. She was killed.

Stanley R. Putnam, of Chicago, driving the car, told authorities she stepped in front of it. He was not held.

Road to Freedom

The fourth of a series of dramatic productions, "Road to Freedom," portraying the story of the common man's fight for human rights through the ages will be presented tonight at 8:00 o'clock on Station WMAL. This evening's episode, "The Unconquered," tells the story of the struggle of the Christians for religious freedom during the days of ancient Rome.

A special Christmas message will be given by the Rev. William Murray Bradner, canon preceptor of the Washington Cathedral.

The program arranged by The Star, will be broadcast through the cooperation of the Washington Civic Theater, Georgetown University, and the National Broadcasting Company.

## No Late Editions Today

Due to the holiday, The Star will not publish the 5:30 and Night Final editions today. Subscribers to these editions will receive the regular city edition.

## Zona Gale Critically Ill

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—A hospital attendant reported today the condition of Novelist Zona Gale Ebbes, ill with pneumonia, was "very critical." She was being treated in an oxygen room, the attendant said.

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